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H.B. No. 2336

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the participation by certain state and local elected officials during the process for evaluating an application for a low income housing tax credit.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2306.6710, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) If an application is the subject of a written statement provided under Subsection (b)(1)(J), the author of the statement may withdraw and amend the statement before the end of the application evaluation process provided by this section. The department shall consider the new statement instead of the withdrawn statement in scoring and ranking the application under Subsection (b).

SECTION 2. Section 2306.6718, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) If an elected official comments on an application during the application evaluation process provided by Section 2306.6710, the elected official may withdraw the comment and issue a new comment before the end of that process. The department shall consider the new comment instead of the withdrawn comment in evaluating applications under Section 2306.6710.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for low income housing tax credits that is

1 submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
2 during an application cycle that is based on the 2018 qualified
3 allocation plan or a subsequent plan adopted by the governing board
4 of the department under Section [2306.67022](#), Government Code. An
5 application that is submitted during an application cycle that is
6 based on an earlier qualified allocation plan is governed by the law
7 in effect on the date the application cycle began, and the former
8 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.